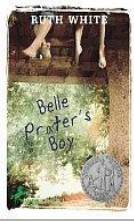








| Topic  | Title   | Author             | Summary   |
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| <b>Appalachia</b><br>Set in the heart of Appalachia, these books offer a glimpse into the area and its people without stereotypes. | <i>Belle Prater's Boy</i>   | Ruth White         | Set in Virginia, Woodrow, Belle's son, and Gypsy, the beauty, learn about life, family, and acceptance of self.   |
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|  | <i>Permanent Connections</i>  | Sue Ellen Bridgers | After one too many disobedient acts, Rob is sent to live with his father's family in Appalachia where he learns about himself and his place in the world. |
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|  | <i>Blackberries, Blackberries</i>   | Crystal Wilkinson  | Set primarily in Kentucky, this book of short stories captures the heart of Appalachia.   |
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| *The following three novels have a religious theme interspersed into the story   | <i>Rabble Starkey</i>   | Lois Lowry         | Weaving tragedy with humor, the characters in this novel come to recognize that love knows no bounds.   |
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|  | <i>Send Me Down a Miracle</i>   | Han Nolan          | Told in a humorous way, Adrienne, 14, begins to question her life, belief system, and her "preacher" father's spin on it.                                 |
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|  | <i>God Went to Beauty School</i>  | Cynthia Rylant     | Told in free verse, Rylant takes readers on a personal journey with God, from opening His own nail shop to being arrested in a bar fight.                 |
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|  | <i>With a Hammer for My Heart</i>   | George Ella Lyon   | Lawanda, 15, befriends Garland, a WWII vet, during a time they both are attempting to make sense of the world in which they live. Set in Kentucky.        |
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#### APPALACHIAN WEBSITES

- <http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/mulappala2.htm>
  - Characteristics of Good Appalachian Literature
- <http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/mulappala3.htm>
  - Appalachian Literature: A Bibliography
- <http://www.ferrum.edu/applit/>
  - Resources for Teachers/Readers (author bios, study guides, articles, lesson plans, etc.)
- <http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/ALAN/spring99/warner.html>
  - Appalachian Literature for Young Adults: The Contributions of Rebecca Caudill (article)
- <http://www.carolhurst.com/subjects/appalachiachart.html>
  - Appalachian Chart of Related Books (picture, novels & folk lit)
- <http://appalachianhistory.blogspot.com/>
  - Author Gretchen Laskas Discusses *The Miner's Daughter*, (YA novel set in West Virginia)
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  - Teacher's Guide
- <http://bcweb.bluefield.edu/library/subguides/lit.htm#appal>
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